Motion for election to the Spices Board

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE , MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): Sir, I move the following Motion:

"That in pursuance of Clause (b) of Sub-section (3) of Section 3 of the Spices Board Act, 1986 (No. 10 of 1986) read with Rules 4 (1) (b) and 5 (1) of the Spices Board Rules, 1987, this House do proceed to elect in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one Member from among the Members of the House, to be a member of the Spices Board."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

Motion for election to the Rubber Board

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): Sir I move the following Motion:

"That in pursuance of Clause (e) of Sub-section (3) of Section 4 of the Rubber Act, 1947 (24 of 1947) read with Sub-rule (1) of Rule 4 of the Rubber Rules, 1955, this House do proceed to elect in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one Member from among the Members of the House, to be a member of the Rubber Board.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHORT DURATION DISCUSSION

Indo-U.S. Nuclear Deal

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA (Jharkhand): Sir, I am grateful to you for fixing a date, though belatedly, for a discussion on this very important issue of national concern. I am also grateful to you, Sir, for having permitted me to initiate this discussion.

Sir, as is well-known, our nuclear programme, like our foreign policy, has always been based on a national consensus and, even today, the issue that we are debating in this House is an issue of national importance. I propose to approach this task not in a partisan manner, but in as objective